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Cosmonaut Titov Speaks at Club

Soviet space shots will never be made in public until there is total disarmament, Russian Cosmonaut Gherman S. Titov told an OPC press conference, Tuesday, May 1. When that happens, he added, "we can expect to execute joint flights."

Although Titov discussed few technical details of his orbit flight that took him 17 times around the world in 24 hours, he did say his spaceship Vostok II had landed without damage and could be used again.

The Russian space hero was guest of honor at the OPC luncheon attended by more than 200 members and guests, almost half of whom were working press. The event received wide coverage by network TV-radio, including local New York outlets.

Following a short, impromptu statement during which he paid tribute to Soviet science, Titov answered written questions through his interpreter for almost a full hour. He dismissed as "non-

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 for Coming Events



CLUB OFFICERS FOR '62 elected at April 30th Annual Meeting include (l. to r.): Will Oursler, Board of Governors member; Spencer Valmy, Secretary; Richard J. H. Johnston, President; Will Yolen, Vice President; and Matthew Huttner, Treasurer.

1962 Election Results :

JOHNSTON NAMED NEW PRESIDENT

Richard J. H. Johnston was elected as President of the OPC at the Annual Meeting by a vote of 552 to 428 over his opponent, Hal Lehrman.

The 1962 election brought out a record number of ballots — 1026 — about one-fourth of which were cast overseas.

Vice Presidents for the coming year are Will Yolen, Stan Swinton and Frank Gibney, while Spencer Valmy was elected as Secretary and Matthew Huttner was named as Treasurer.

Six new members of the Board of Governors are: Henry C. Cassidy, Quincy Howe, Ansel Talbert, Will Oursler, Victor Riesel and Joseph Newman. Alternates to the Board this year are: George Bookman, Henry Gellerman, Ed Wergeles and Robert Coughlan.

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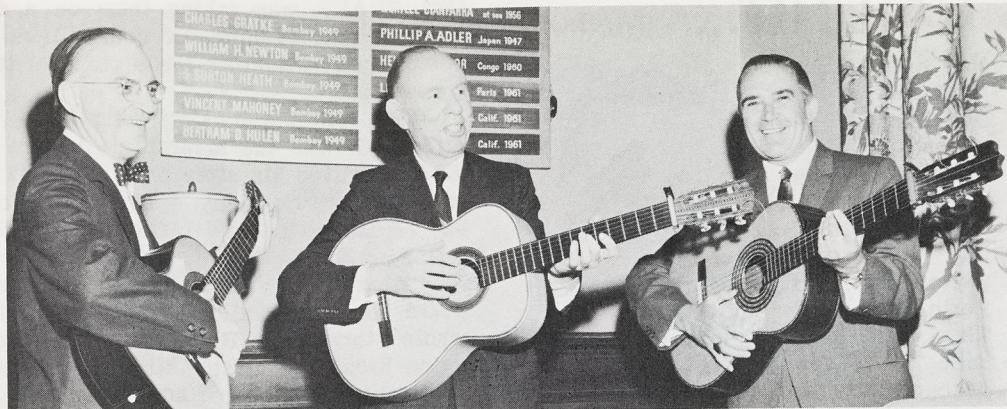
SPECIAL OPC LUNCHEON and Press Conference for Maj. Gherman Titov; (l. to r.) Ivan Shkliar, interpreter; Titov; Mrs. Titov; and Club president Dick Johnston.

New Security Policy Announced by Board

A new security policy for the OPC has been announced by the Board of Governors. A series of steps will be taken to insure a greater measure of comfort, convenience and service to all members.

The new system is the result of a special study done for the Board by a subcommittee of the House Operations Committee. The Board approved the committee's recommendations. A letter fully outlining the provisions of the new system, which becomes effective on May 9, has been mailed to the membership and a second letter sent to Club tenants outlining their privileges and responsibilities.

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SOUTH OF BORDER APERS borrow guitars to tune up for a shot at April 27 Reunion. (l. to r.): Larry Stuntz, who served in Rio, B.A., and Mexico City; Fred Strozier, formerly in charge of So. America and bureau chief in B.A., now in NY; Joseph McEvoy, who worked in B.A., Bogota, currently an exec with Orinoco Steel, Venezuela.

100 AT LATAM REUNION EX-AMBASSADORS SPEAK

Marked with the presence of four former ambassadors to Latin America, who revealed some off-the-record stories, the South of the Border Reunion last Friday, April 27, was further filled by by endless newsmen's anecdotes which drew roars of laughter from an audience of nearly 100 Latin American hands.

Ex-Ambassador James Bruce, who represented the U.S. to onetime President Juan Peron, told about a major oil company that was expropriated one day, returned the next, and never did hear about it.

Ex-Ambassador William O'Dwyer, former mayor of New York and Ambassador to Mexico, told how he made a denial catch up with a story — to the extent of getting banner headlines in the New York press.

Ex-Ambassador Whiting Willauer, who represented the U.S. in Central America at the time of the Guatemalan revolution, told stories of the correspondents covering that event.

Ex-Ambassador Robert C. Hill, now a New Hampshire state senator, told about flying the newsmen about Mexico in the Embassy plane to help them get a story.

Guests were seated at tables by country of their assignment. Pan American World Airways made a permanent gift of an array of Latin American flags to the OPC for the occasion; Panagra provided the menus, and the strolling musicians who played Latin tunes during the evening.



Former Latam Ambassadors Reunite: (l. to r.) Willauer; O'Dwyer; Hill; and Bruce.

Brazilians to Visit OPC

The OPC will play host on Wednesday, May 9, to four young Brazilian labor leaders on tour in the U.S.

The guests, representatives of workers' groups in Recife, Sao Paulo, Belo Horizonte and Rio de Janeiro, will give a picture of what Brazil's currently boiling political pot looks like from the inside.

A reception and press conference, under the auspices of the Inter-American Affairs Committee will take place from 5:30 — 7:30 p.m. Early reservations are recommended

SHAEF CORRESPONDENTS MEET AT CLUB ON MAY 8

St. Lo, Aachen, Bastogne, Remagen and other dateline towns that made history in WWII will come back into focus Tuesday, May 8, when the SHAEF correspondents who covered those stories hold a reunion at the OPC.

John MacVane, chairman of the SHAEF Correspondents Reunion, has announced that several high ranking military men who took part in the drive from Normandy to Berlin will be guests of honor at the May 8 event — which will mark the 17th anniversary of V-E Day. They include: Gen. J. Lawton Collins, commander of the U.S. Army's VII Corps; Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander of the U.S. Strategic Air Force in Europe; Lt. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada, commander of the 9th Tactical Air Command in Europe; Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, 9th Air Force public relations officer; Col. R. Ernest Dupuy, SHAEF public relations officer.

The evening's program will include the showing of an ETO documentary film, prepared especially for the SHAEF Reunion by NBC News. Music will be of the WWII vintage and the menu will include several dishes featured at the Hotel Scribe during the war.



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THIS IS PARIS CALLING...

By ERNIE WEATHERALL

Just 17 years ago this week, a London AP bureau man herding copy and sweating out rumors of peace, picked up the phone and heard a faint, muffled voice say, "This is Paris calling... Germany has surrendered unconditionally."

The voice belonged to Morton Gudebrod of the AP's Paris bureau. He was phoning in bureau chief Ed Kennedy's flash of the Nazi surrender.

Much ink has been spilled about the Kennedy dispatch, but the story of how AP was able to make a direct phone call to London and by-pass Army censors has not.

"L'affaire Kennedy"

On the 17th anniversary of V-E Day, at his favorite outdoor cafe over an aperitif, Mort Gudebrod gave the *Bulletin* a play-by-play of "1' affaire Kennedy" as he calls it. Mort is back in his beloved Paris today as bureau chief of the peacetime *Stars & Stripes*.

"In 1945, I was in charge of AP's World Service bureau in Paris," he began. "We put out news reports in French for our clients in France."

"My office was in the *Herald Tribune* building in the rue de Berrie, and the *Stars & Stripes* office was on a lower floor. As bureau chief in charge of war coverage and SHAEF, Ed Kennedy had his office in the Hotel Scribe, a few miles from mine."

Since all teletype communication had been taken over by the military, Mort had to rely on getting news of the outside world by Morse code from AP's London bureau. Sometimes — in fact often — the Morse news report was garbled. Since he could not contact London if the story was unreadable, the item would be lost unless it was repeated.

"One evening I was down in *Stripes'* news room," he continued, "when one of

the staff — Bud Hutton or G. K. Hodenfield — wanted to talk to the *Stripes* bureau in London.

"He dialed the military switchboard in Paris, then said, 'Give me UK base.' A few seconds later he was giving the London operator the *Stripes* number and was talking to a rewrite man there."

It seemed so simple that Mort decided to try it himself and call the London AP office. It worked so well that after he received garbled Morse code news reports, he frequently called London to find out what the missing words were.

Mort suggested to Ed Kennedy that they use the phone for a hot story. Ed agreed but said only after the copy had been okayed by the censor. Instead of having to wait its turn on the censor's cable head — which sometimes took hours — it could be phoned directly to AP in London.

"It wasn't long before we got a chance to try it," Mort recalled. "During the dying days of the war when the northern groups of the Germans capitulated, Ed wrote the story, had it okayed and we phoned it to London.

"The AP story had a beat of 40 minutes over the opposition, and Ed got a wildly laudatory cable from Kent Cooper, then the general manager.

"So far, the opposition hadn't stumbled on to our 'secret'."

On May 6th, Ed Kennedy told Mort to stand by at the Scribe ready to phone London, since the bureau chief and a group of top correspondents got word



Gudebrod

that SHAEF was taking them on a air mission that evening. Of course, everyone knew it would be the signing of the armistice.

"Ed returned looking glum and dispirited. It was the armistice all right — he had written his story on the way back from Rheims by plane — but it couldn't be released in any fashion until the following day.

"What finally upset Ed was when we heard on our radio monitors that the whole story of the Rheims surrender was being broadcast by the Allies in German over the Flensburg Radio in Northern Germany."

Mort waited by the phone while Ed Kennedy made frantic efforts to get SHAEF to cut loose the story.

"Get London . . ."

"Then he came rushing into the room, handed me the carbon of his surrender story and said, 'Get London on the phone, Mort. . . we're letting this story out!'

"I got London on the phone, but Russ Landstorm, whom I didn't know then, answered and didn't recognize my name. Then I think it was Lou Hawkins who came on the line and I started dictating.

"I gave them the story for about 15 minutes. Then Ed took over. By that time, we were receiving radio reports that the AP flash had been released in the States and everyone was celebrating wildly.

"As Ed was dictating his story — naturally a long one — the London connection was suddenly cut."

The rest is journalistic history. The entire AP staff on the continent was suspended from filing any stories whatever, for the "unauthorized" release of the Nazi surrender story.

"We couldn't even phone downstairs in the hotel for coffee," Mort recalled. "But the general suspension was lifted except on Ed, and on London bureau chief Bob Bunnelle."

Then Mort was confined to the hospital with pneumonia. When released, he found that SHAEF had discredited him, and Ed Kennedy was on his way back on a slow boat to the States.

"I had been scheduled for the same treatment," Mort said. "But the Army lost my papers and they sent me home by air."

Looking back over 17 years to the "1' affaire Kennedy," Mort still believes Ed was right.

"I think his one mistake was in not calling all the correspondents at the Scribe and telling them he was going to break the embargo and why he was going to do it.

"I think several of them would have jumped the gun the same way if they had known how to get through to London on the Army's own telephone.

"Well. . . that's how it was."



NY Times page one photo, which appeared in May 8, 1945 issue, shows Times Square mob in spontaneous celebration under symbol of liberty on V-E Day.

GUIANA'S PNC LEADER BURNHAM AT OPC



BURNHAM LUNCHEON, April 30: (l. to r.) Andrew Jackson, president, railway unions, British Guiana; Marguerite Cartwright; Dr. Forbes Burnham; and Arnold Beichman.

Dr. Forbes Burnham, leader of British Guiana's People's National Congress party, emphasized two things in his OPC speech on Monday, April 30.

"First of all, I am here to tell the people of the United States that the majority opposition to Premier Cheddy Jagan is not 'rightist', but is a mass movement dedicated to social justice. We want social and economic reform with the retention and extension of democratic liberties."

Burnham and Premier Jagan started their political life together in the People's Progressive Party, he pointed out. "My group broke away and formed the People's National Congress in 1955 because we saw that Dr. Jagan always followed the ideological line laid down by Moscow," he said.

He pointed out that in the 1961 elections Jagan got 42% of the vote, while his PNC got 41%. He said that Jagan has since lost perhaps 5% of his support and his government is divided within itself.

Premier Jagan's administration has proved "incompetence", said the speaker. He favored U.S. aid to British Guiana, but not government-to-government aid. He suggested our aid should go directly to the large labor unions which are independent of political party control.

Oduber to Push Reforms

Costa Rica's Foreign Minister-elect, Dr. Daniel Oduber, told an OPC audience last Friday, April 27, that Latin American governments which do not make Alliance for Progress social and economic reforms, "have no moral right" to ask for Alliance for Progress aid. He said his party will push these reforms.

"We are not afraid for Fidel Castro to call us 'lackeys of the U.S.,'" said Oduber. "When we started reforms in 1948, some people in the U.S. called us communists but that didn't bother us either." He referred to the first administration of Dr. Jose Figueres, who overthrew a communist-infiltrated regime in 1948.

Oduber said that his party's aim for Costa Rica is to create a nation of family-managed small farms.

"But we must not talk about these things only to Latin America's peasants," said the young leader who is considered a spokesman for Latin American anti-communist liberals even outside his country. "We must also tell them there is a war on between the U.S. and Russia and that we are with the U.S. because it is on the side of social advancement with human liberties."



ODUBER LUNCHEON, April 27: (l. to r.) Honduran Minister to UN, Guillermo Caceres; Virginia Prewett Mizelle; Dr. Daniel Oduber, Costa Rica's Foreign Minister-elect; Ambassador of Costa Rica to UN, Gonzalo Ortiz; and Gary MacEoin.

CLUB ELECTIONS (Cont'd from page 1)

The Judges of the Election, headed by Fred Kerner, Chairman, announced the results at the Annual Meeting. Other members of the Committee are: Anita Diamant Berke, Secretary; Jesse Bell, Charles Campbell, Jack Frummer, J. Wendell Sether and Frank Wachsmith.

The official results are as follows:

PRESIDENT:	
Richard J. H. Johnston	552
Hal Lehrman	428
VICE PRESIDENT:	
Will Yolen	575
Stan Swinton	562
Frank Gibney	539
Mary Hornaday	518
Charles H. D. Robbins	380
SECRETARY:	
Spencer C. Valmy	539
Joseph Ruffner	389
TREASURER:	
Matthew Huttner	421
John de Lorenzi	393
Matt Bassity	131
BOARD OF GOVERNORS:	
Henry C. Cassidy	491
Quincy Howe	483
Ansel Talbert	472
Will Oursler	406
Victor Riesel	383
Joseph Newman	349
George Bookman	335
Henry Gellerman	311
Ed Wergeles	304
Robert Coughlan	303
John MacVane	301
Gerold Frank	263
Michael Crissan	253
Watson Sims	211
Alvin Perlmutter	167
Allyn Baum	167
Howard Johnson	158
George Natanson	136
Leonard Saffir	124

Electronic devices took over the 1962 election, providing faster results with less manpower.

The Judges of the Election for the first time arranged to have ballots counted by IBM machines, a process that took less than three hours and provided added checks in the counting system.

A second innovation of the electronic age was the flashing of results on a screen at the Annual Meeting. This was accomplished with the help of the Polaroid Corporation which supplied special film for the slides.

As soon as returns were received at the OPC from the IBM counter, they were photographed and developed in ten seconds. While the ballot box closed at 9:30 — one hour after the beginning of the meeting — results were ready to be announced by 9:45 p.m.

But the electronic age hit a snag when the Judges of the Election had to wait 45 minutes while business proceeded verbally and vocally.

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a few minutes after he was to have started his story.

Other travelers: Art Watt, Army-Navy-Air Force Times, back from trips to Switzerland, Belgium, Germany; Robert E. Farrell back from Brussels Common Market assignments; Don Cook, NY Herald Tribune, visited Geneva again for disarmament talks; Gen. Max Johnson, US News & World Report associate editor, visited Paris; Robert Ahier, UPI, back from USA jaunt.

ROME from SAM'L STEINMAN



President Giovanni Gronchi (center - white hair and glasses) at dedication of new social rooms of Stampa Estera in Rome. (UPI Photo)

Nine members of the Stampa Estera, including four Americans, were decorated by President Giovanni Gronchi on the occasion of the organization's 50th anniversary. They received the title of Cavalieri Ufficiali of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic. The U.S. recipients are Arnaldo Cortesi, NY Times; Michael Chinigo, Chicago Tribune Services; Barrett McGurn, NY Herald Tribune, and Robert Neville, NY Post. The latter two are present and immediate past presidents. Others are the late Gunhild Bergh, Sweden; Alfonse Eugene Guillaume, Le Soir, Brussels; Alonso Luis Gonzalea, Alcazar, Madrid; Gunnar Kumlien, Tidningen, Stockholm, and Otto Mueller-Minervo, VWD Agency, Frankfurt.

Cardinal Agostino Bea, head of the Secretariat of the Union of Christians, an important element in the forthcoming Ecumenical Congress, was guest of honor April 25 at the first monthly luncheon in the Stampa's new rooms.

WASHINGTON from JESSIE STEARNS

Pencils and cameras were put aside last Friday, April 27, by member of the White House Correspondent and Photographer Associations. The black tie dinner was in honor of Pres. Kennedy and Prime Minister Macmillan.

OPCers attending were: Alvadore Adams; John B. Adams; Fred Archibald; May Craig; Thomas Deegan, Jr.; William O. Douglas; Bill Downs; Angier Biddle Duke; Angele de T. Gingras; L. Richard Guylay; Jerry Hannifin; Robert T. Hartmann; Charles O. Jones; Francis Lara; John P. Leacacos; Elmer Lower; Earl Mazo; Robert Pierpont; David Schoenbrun; Robert Sherrod; Frank Shor; Jessie Stearns; Frank Tao; Esther Van Wagoner Tufty; Ed Wergeles; and Bernie Yudain.

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Stephen E. Korsen, Chairman

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sense" a question that he had lost his vision or consciousness during his flight. Asked if he would visit Cape Canaveral, he replied that he didn't believe he'd "see anything of interest" there.

Titov gave some indication of the size of the Vostok II when he said he experienced slight nausea while attempting to move about within the space capsule. The nausea disappeared, he said, when he resumed his sitting position.

The Soviet Cosmonaut was invited to the Club through the efforts of James Sheldon, Chairman of the Open House Committee. Titov, who was accompanied by his wife, Tamara, and members of Soviet diplomatic missions in the U.S., was introduced by the OPC's new president, Dick Johnston who in turn was introduced by outgoing presy John Luter. Leon Dennen handled the question and answer period.

George Natanson was chairman of the luncheon and Murray Lewis was in charge of press arrangements.

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TOAST TO TAYLOR TASTING is raised in favor of the N.Y. wines in spotlight April 26. (l. to r.) Bob Conway and Tom Marvel hear enthusiastic approval of Viennese connoisseurs Mrs. Hampe and Kurt Hampe of the Austrian Information Service.

N.Y. Wines Woo and Win At Apr. 26 Tasting Spree

Some 120 wine-bibbing members and their guests sipped seven choice Taylor Wines of New York in the tenth floor lounge last Thursday, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Disdaining the classic wine-taster's ritual of mouth-swirling and ejection, the thirsty embryo connoisseurs simply tasted, swallowed and came back for more. Some excellent cheese, with appropriate crackers, cleansed mouths between sips.

Tom Marvel of the Taylor Wine Co., Hammondsport, N.Y., was host and gave a concise and knowledgeable talk on wines of the Empire State during the party. A few of the most popular of the wines will soon be available from the Club's cellar.

The sparkling liquids tasted included: an appetizer wine — Pale Dry Sherry; White Dinner Wines — Rhine Wine and Sauterne; Red Dinner Wines — Vin Rose, Claret and Burgundy; and a sweet, smooth, delicious dessert wine finale.

Pamphlets carrying tantalizing Taylor Wine recipes and other information were distributed to the members and guests present.

French African Leader Club Guest on May 16

President Felix Houphouet-Boigny of the Ivory Coast will be honored at a special OPC Luncheon Wednesday, May 16.

Long regarded as the most influential figure among the former French African states, his visit should provide unusual news opportunities.

The Ivory Coast leader will be in America as a state guest of President Kennedy. (He will be accompanied by several members of his cabinet.)

For 12 years, Houphouet-Boigny represented his area in the French National Assembly. When the Ivory Coast achieved independence, he became first Prime Minister, then President.

SECURITY (Cont'd from page 1)

ties to the Club.

The new arrangements fall into four major categories: Members' use of the Club, guests, tenant organizations (and their members) and reciprocal agreements.

An in-out board is on order and will arrive in about six weeks. This will be put up near a check-in desk to be placed in the main lobby. Until the board arrives, members must identify themselves to the attendant on duty at the desk. This is designed to stop persons who are not members from using the Club and its facilities, as well as to protect Club and tenant property.

Credit signing will be restricted in the future to those who can produce credit cards.

While there are two categories of guests — those who have been given guests cards, and those who are accompanying members into the Club — all guests must register or be registered at the check-in desk. For those persons accompanying members into the Club, the host member *must* sign the person in. A new book is being provided for that purpose.

Tenants and members of tenant organizations are to be afforded the privilege of the Bar & Grille and the Main Dining Room, upon presentation of their individual clubs' membership cards.

Members of clubs with which OPC has reciprocal agreements may use the facilities of OPC upon presentation of their membership card to the check-in desk.

The House Operations Committee hopes that this tightening up of the use of the Club will result in better service for members as well as a better Club all around.

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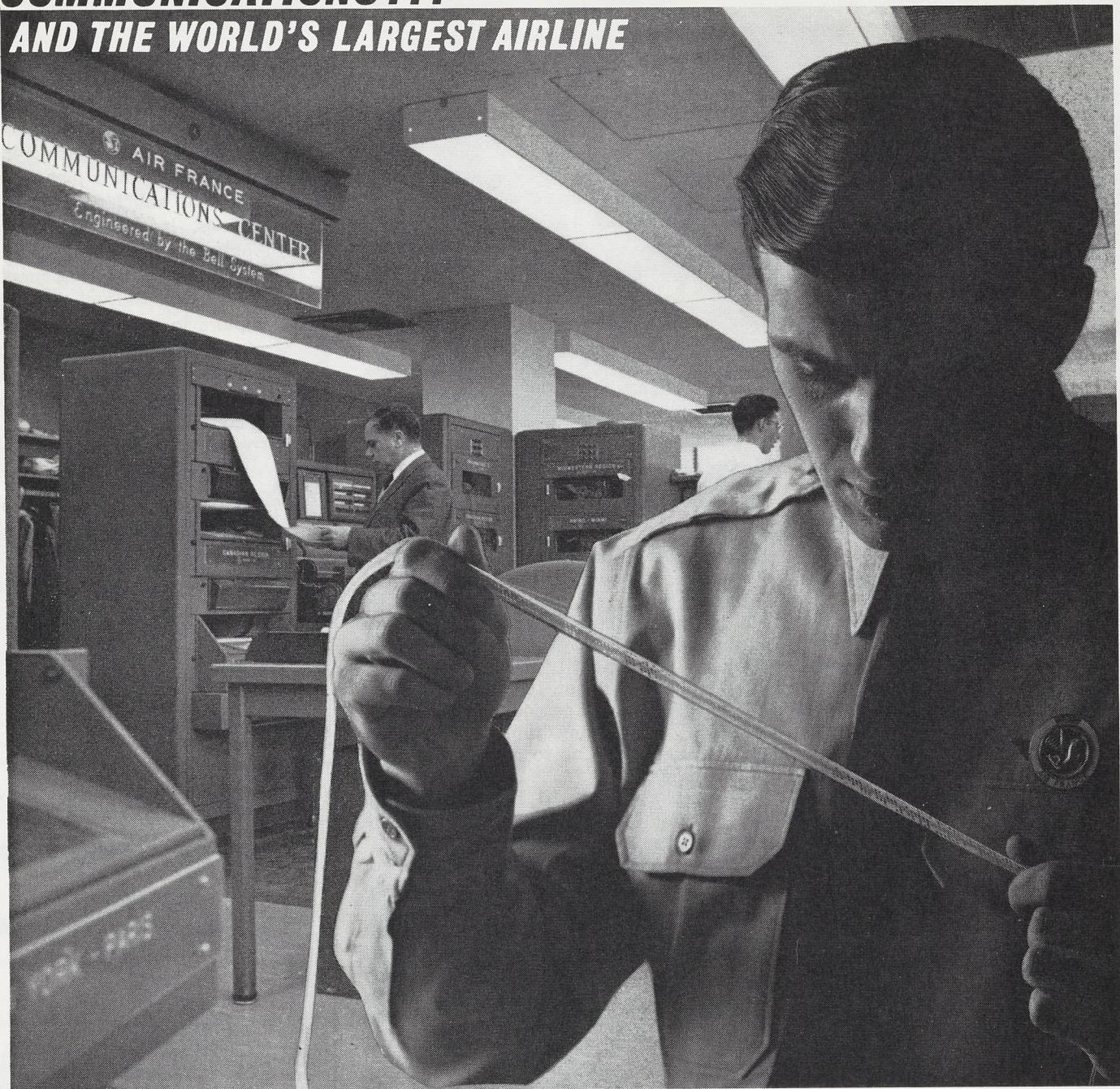
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